

Evening Telegraph

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OLD CLOTHES MARKET IN LONDON.

Home Consumption and Exportation.
The London *Times* has a curious article, showing what becomes of the old clothes picked up in London. We copy the material portions:—

The streams of old clothes thus hour by hour are seductively drained, either by moral exchange, attractive advertisement, or by the down-right pestering of "Old Ikeys," culminate in the great old clothes mart in Houndsditch, where Hebrews most do congregate. The clothes that are intended to remain in this country have to be tutored and transformed. The "chobber," the "reviver," and the "translator" lay hands upon them.

The duty of the "chobber" is to patch, to sew up, and to restore, as far as possible the garments to their pristine appearance; black cloth garments pass into the hands of the "revivers," who make seedy black coats, and for the moment, make them look as good as new. The "translator" converts them into what he calls "old clothes," which can do no more for much-vaed woolen fibre, it becomes a hand rag.

Revolutions of costume.

The changes of fashion interest everybody, and the following views of those changes, considered in the light of their relation to social usage, will therefore be found worthy of perusal. Facts of this kind teach us the future by reviewing philosophically the conduct of the past:—

Revolutions in costume are periodical, as in almost everything else in this world. From the beginning of this century, when dresses were reduced to their narrowest proportions, they have gradually increased in size till they have become so much and uncomfortable that it is neither safe nor possible to wear them. Of course such people continue them to masculine costumes, in both are put on, and appear on the racing ground of fashion. Similarly enough, the tendency towards dissipation regularly coincides with the progress of the century.

When a century, for instance, is in its first years, civilized humanity seems to feel young, and in no way eager to conceal under a pile of garments the beautiful form granted the "Lord of creation." As the century advances in years, fashion becomes more and more, and steadily costumes into unknown to the prevailing sense of beauty. And when the century approaches its completion, then all the resources of all the craft of millinery, tailoring, and pantomime are brought to bear on the means of dissipating old age and decrepitude.

In the beginning of a century man is not ashamed of himself. With the sunny confidence of youth he walks in the streets and appears in as few dress as nearly possible as the man of now. In the latter part of the century such taste seems to decline, and the old clothes market also.

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UNIFORMS AND LIVERIES.

Our readers will perhaps have noticed the special activity the dealers in old clothes evince in that water-logged country that red crows are said to frequent. Their chief item of trade is to cut up to make caps. France takes the best of these old clothes for this purpose. The linings are stripped out, and in this condition they are admitted duty free as old rags. Russia and Poland, where caps seem to be universally worn by the working population, are content with still more threadbare garments, to be cut up for this purpose.

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